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THE following Addreſs from the Clergy of the Convocation of *York* was preſented to Her Majeſty by the Honourable Dr. *William Graham*, Dean of *Carlile*, and Clerk of the Cloſet in Ordinary to Her Majeſty, and other Members of that Convocation; being introduced by his Grace the Lord Archbiſhop of *York* and the Lord Biſhop of *Durham*.

May it pleaſe Your Moſt Excellent Majeſty.

WE *the Clergy of the Province of* York *in Convocation Aſſembled, do for our ſelves, and on the behalf of all our Brethren of the ſame Province, whom we Repreſent, Humbly beg Leave to throw our ſelves at Your Majeſty's Feet, in moſt Hearty and Thankful Acknowledgments of Your Majeſty's moſt Pious and Affectionate Care for the Church of* England, *expreſſed in your late Meſſage to the Houſe of Commons; wherein Your Majeſty is Graciouſly pleaſed to Declare, That you will give your whole Eccleſiaſtical Revenue of Firſt-Fruits and Tenths, as it ſhall become free from Incumbrances, to be Applied to the Augmentation of Poor Benefices throughout* England.

We cannot forbear ſaying, That Your Majeſty has in this Surprizing Inſtance of your Kindneſs to the Church, Outdone all your Royal Predeceſſors ſince the Reformation. They took Care, That our Holy Religion ſhould be Purged from the Errors and Superſtitions with which Popery had corrupted it: And They took Care likewiſe, That it ſhould be ſo Tranſmitted to us: And for this Their Memories will be for ever Bleſſed: But Your Majeſty not only takes Care to Preſerve our Religion in the ſame Purity; and to Protect our Church in all its Legal Rights and Privileges; but has farther taken Care alſo, That the Miniſters of it, ſhall in due Time have a Competent Maintenance. The Want of which Proviſion, was indeed the Great, if not the Only Blemiſh of our Reformation. And therefore doubly Bleſſed will Your Majeſty's Memory be, in all ſucceeding Generations.

As we are ſure that this Pious and Charitable Act of Your Majeſty's is highly Acceptable to God, who fails not to Recompence even a Cup of Cold Water, given to a Prophet in the Name of a Prophet; ſo we cannot but Hope, it will have ſuch an Effect upon all Your Majeſty's Subjects, who Love our Church and Religion; and eſpecially upon us of the Clergy; That we ſhall Endeavour more and more (if it be poſſible) to Expreſs our Zeal for Your Majeſty's Service. And particularly we ſhall think our ſelves Obliged, every Day to put up our moſt earneſt Prayers to God Almighty for Your Majeſty's long Life, and Happy Reign over us. And that for this Exceeding Good Work of Your Majeſty's, He would add an Abundant Increaſe to the Glorious Rewards, that we doubt not, are laid up for you in his Heavenly Kingdom.

To which Her Majeſty was pleaſed to return this moſt Gracious Anſwer:

Gentlemen,

I Take your Addreſs very kindly. It is my Deſire that all the Clergy ſhould have a Comfortable Maintenance; eſpecially thoſe of them that Faithfully do their Duties to God and the Church. Such it ſhall always be My Care to Support and Encourage.

Whitehall, March 1. The following Addreſſes have been tranſmitted hither from *Ireland* by his Grace the Duke of *Ormonde*, Lord Lieutenant of that Kingdom.

To the Queen's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Archbiſhops, Biſhops, and the reſt of the Clergy of *Ireland*, aſſembled in Convocation.

WE *Your Majeſty's moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Archbiſhops, Biſhops, and the reſt of the Clergy of* Ireland, *in Convocation aſſembled, do with all Humility adore the Goodneſs of God in placing Your Majeſty on the Throne of Your Royal Anceſtors, to be in a more eſpecial manner the Defender of the Faith, and the Protector of the Eſtabliſhed Church: For as in a leſs eminent Station, even in difficult Times, Your Majeſty recommended unto all an exact Conformity to its Doctrine and Diſcipline by your Princely Example; ſo ever ſince your Acceſſion to the Crown you have made it your chief Care to Support its Honour by your Royal Authority.*

And we humbly beg Leave at this preſent Juncture to declare our Gratitude to Your Majeſty, for reſtoring to us, after ſo long a Diſcontinuance, our Right of aſſembling in a National Convocation, being fully perſwaded, that this publick Inſtance of your Royal Juſtice, will be no inconſiderable Addition to the other Glories of Your Majeſty's Reign.

And we further hold our ſelves obliged to expreſs the great Satisfaction we all receive, in Your Majeſty's appointing his Grace the Duke of Ormonde *to be Governor of this Kingdom, whoſe Inclinations will lead him to conſult the Welfare of his Native Country, and whoſe Hereditary Zeal for the Church by Law Eſtabliſhed will engage him to defend its Rights, and promote its Intereſts.*

That as we are now aſſembled in a National Synod, with a ſtedfaſt Reſolution to aſſert and maintain the Truth of the Chriſtian Faith, againſt all unreaſonable and wicked Men, and to eſtabliſh in the Minds of thoſe committed to our Charge a firm Belief of its Holy Doctrines; ſo we aſſure Your Majeſty, That we will employ our utmoſt Care and Diligence to oblige them to a Conſcientious Obſervance of its Holy Precepts, and particularly to perſwade them to expreſs the Sincerity of their Religion, by paying all due Honour to Your Majeſty's Perſon, and by a chearful and ſteddy Obedience to Your Government.

And we humbly beſeech Almighty God to bleſs Your Majeſty with good Succeſs in all your Councils and Undertakings, and to Reward your Pious Endeavours for ſuppreſſing the Growth of Prophaneneſs and Immorality, and for promoting the Peace of Europe, *and Proſperity of your Subjects with Eternal Happineſs*

To his Grace James *Duke of* Ormonde, *Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of* Ireland.

The humble Addreſs of the Archbiſhops, Biſhops, and the reſt of the Clergy of *Ireland*, in Convocation aſſembled.

WE *the Archbiſhops and Biſhops, and the reſt of the Clergy of* Ireland, *in Convocation aſſembled, do with all Gratitude acknowleage, That as your moſt Noble Anceſtors have always diſtinguiſhed themſelves by eſpouſing the Intereſt of the Church as by Law Eſtabliſhed; ſo it is your Grace's peculiar Glory to have been the Inſtrument of retrieving our ancient Right of meeting with every Parliament in a National Convocation.*

All good Men obſerve with great Concern, That the Chriſtian Faith has, in this as well as former Ages, been corrupted by Hereſies, and the Diſcipline of the Church very much weakened by Licentious Practices, and rejoyce to ſee this Synod conven'd, in which we hope proper Remedies will be applied for the Cure of theſe Evils, according to the Example of Primitive Times.

We reſolve (by God's Grace) to manage our Debates with Unanimity, Temper, and prudent Zeal, and to have no other View in our Seſſions, but the Glory of God, and the Good of his Church, being aſſured we ſhall thereby recommend our ſelves to the Continuance of Her Majeſty's Protection, and your Grace's Favour.

Falmouth, Febr. 26. The Maſter of a *Daniſh* Hoy, homeward bound from *France*, lately taken by the *Sidney* Galley, Captain *Upton* Commander, reports, That about 12 days ago a Placart was ſet up on the Exchange at *Bourdeaux*, declaring, That all *Swediſh* and *Daniſh* Ships which ſhould firſt diſcharge their Loading in any Port of *England*, and afterwards proceed in Ballaſt for *France*, ſhould, on their Arrival in any Port of that Kingdom, be made Prize; as alſo all Ships belonging to *Holſtein* which ſhould be met at Sea; and that all *Daniſh* Ships putting into *Oſtend* ſhould be ſtopt, by way of Repriſal for an *Oſtend* Caper of 32 Guns ſeized in *Holſtein* by Order of the King of *Denmark*. The *Jacob* Galley of *London*, *John Clarvet* Maſter, bound to *Ireland* and *Leghorne*, came into this Port two days ago, and brought with her as Prize a *Daniſh* Flyboat of 400 Tuns, laden with Salt, Wine and Brandy, from *Nants*.

Plimouth, Febr. 25. Vice-Admiral *Lake* paſſed by this Port the 23d Inſtant with about 70 Sail of Men of War, Tranſport Ships with Forces on board for *Portugal*, and Merchant Ships bound thither and to the *Weſt-Indies*, *Engliſh* and *Dutch*, and was joined from hence by two of Her Majeſty's Ships, and 5 outward bound Merchant Men. The ſame day came in here two Merchant Ships for this Place, and two outward bound. Her Majeſty's Ship the *Garland*, bound to *Lisbon*, did alſo come in here, but purſued her Voyage without making any Stay.

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